Oil reserves in West Bengal

3398. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are substantial oil reserves in West Bengal; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) West Bengal is considered prospective for discovery of hydrocarbons. However, no commercial discovery of hydrocarbons has been made so far in this basin.

Petrochemical complexes in States

3399. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments who have urged the Central Government to set up petro-chemical complexes, indicating the date and other details of the proposals;

(b) whether the Central Government have acceded to the requests of the States; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO): (a) to (c) Most of the State Governments have been representing from time to time for setting up of petro-chemical complexes in their states. Decisions on such cases are taken on techno-economic considerations.

Neglecting Eastern and North Eastern region in setting up industries

3400. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eastern and north-eastern regions are neglected in regard to issuance of industrial licences and letters of intent;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the State-wise and year-wise comparative figures of industrial licences and letters of intent issued during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Letters of intent and industrial licences are granted against applications from entrepreneurs and as such the question of Government neglecting or favouring any region for purposes of grant of industrial licences and letters of intent does not arise.

(c) A statement giving the details is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise break-up of Letters of Intent (LOIs) & Industrial Licences (ILs) Issued during the years 1985, 1986 & 1987.

State/Union Territory	1985		1986		1987	
	LOI	IL	LOI	IL	LOI	IL
1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	2	..	1	..	..
2 Andhra Pradesh	127	70	111	40	112	38